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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancel)
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 ~~1~~, wherein the data tag comprises an ASCII character that prevents display of the data tag in the program description field.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 ~~1~~, wherein the data tag comprises a command to add a reminder to a calendar application.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 ~~1~~, wherein the data tag comprises a command to add a reminder to an external calendar application.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 ~~1~~, wherein the data tag begins and ends with a predetermined ASCII character.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 ~~1~~, wherein the data tag comprises a command and a start offset, the start offset having a negative value to indicate the command becomes active before a start time for the program.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 ~~1~~, wherein the data tag comprises a single entry having a command with multiple pairs of a start offset and a duration, with each paired start offset and duration identifying commercial programming, and the command muting the commercial programming.
8. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 1, wherein the data tag comprises a command mute a ringer on a telephony device~~

A method of distributing tagged programming, the method comprising:

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receiving programming;

receiving a data tag with Electronic Programming Guide data, the data tag comprising control data relating to the programming, the data tag added to an end of a program description field in the Electronic Programming Guide data, the data tag comprises a command to mute a ringer on a telephony device;

stripping the data tag from the programming; and

communicating the control data to a consumer electronics device.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 ~~4~~, wherein the data tag comprises a command to mute programming that exceeds a parental control rating.
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17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23 ~~46~~, wherein receiving the data tag comprises receiving an ASCII character that prevents display of the data tag in the electronic programming guide data.
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19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23 ~~46~~, wherein the step of receiving the data tag comprises receiving a reminder for a calendar application.

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20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23 ~~16~~, wherein the step of receiving the data tag comprises receiving a predetermined ASCII character that indicates a beginning and an end of the data tag.
21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23 ~~16~~, wherein the step of receiving the data tag comprises receiving a command and a start offset, the start offset having a negative value to indicate the command becomes active before a start time for a program.
22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23 ~~16~~, wherein the step of receiving the data tag comprises receiving a single entry having a command with multiple pairs of a start offset and a duration, with each paired start offset and duration identifying commercial programming, and the command muting the commercial programming.
23. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 16, wherein the step of receiving the data tag comprises receiving a command to mute a ringer on a telephony device~~

A method of receiving tagged programming, comprising:

receiving electronic program guide data;

receiving a data tag that has been added to an end of a program description in the electronic program guide data, the data tag comprising a command and a parameter to mute a ringer on a telephony device;

stripping the data tag from the electronic program guide data; and

communicating the command and the parameter to a consumer electronics device.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23 ~~16~~, wherein the step of receiving the data tag comprises receiving a command to mute programming that exceeds a parental control rating.

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25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23 ~~16~~, wherein the step of receiving the data tag comprises receiving a command to add a reminder to an external calendar application.
26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23 ~~16~~, further comprising setting a reminder for a calendar application and communicating the reminder to the consumer electronics device.
27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23 ~~16~~, further comprising communicating the electronic program guide data to the consumer electronics device.
28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 ~~1~~, further comprising setting a reminder for a calendar application.
29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 ~~1~~, further comprising receiving a reminder for a calendar application.
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